

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: POWER SUPPLY, A SEMICONDUCTOR MAKING

APPARATUS AND A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

FABRICATING METHOD USING THE SAME

Group: 2818

Examiner: Thao LE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 4) dated on July 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-6 and 9-10).

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 4), in which the Examiner indicates that two groups of inventions are being claimed; namely Group I (claims 1-6 and 9-10) drawn to a power supply that is classified in class 257 and Group II (claims 7-8 and 11) drawn to a method of fabricating a semiconductor wafer that is classified in class 438, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I directed to claims 1-6 and 9-10. Non-elected Group II, drawn to claims 7-8 and 11, will be reinstated in a divisional application in due course.

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, Applicant hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language Abstract.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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